

# PROTECTING DELAWARE'S ECONOMY & NATURAL RESOURCES

## Risks of Offshore Drilling

\$7

BILLION

in coastal economic activity

59,000

JOBS

in the fishing, tourism and  
recreation sectors

Delaware's tourism industry adds

\$3.3

BILLION

to Delaware's GDP, and is the  
State's fourth largest employer

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MILLION

people visit Delaware's  
coastal communities

### OFFSHORE DRILLING - RISKS TO DELAWARE

- ▶ Drilling for oil and gas in the Atlantic off Delaware's coast would create the **risk of a catastrophic spill or other related disasters** that would **threaten Delaware's economy and our natural resources**.
- ▶ In Delaware, **coastal tourism and industry accounts for 59,000 jobs** and almost **\$7 billion in economic production**.
- ▶ Impacts to our beaches, bays, shorelines, and water quality from oil spills, leaks, or drilling fluids could **deter visitors and severely impact our coastal economy**.
- ▶ Delaware is our **country's lowest-lying state**, and the effects of sea-level rise pose significant risks.
- ▶ Expanding fossil fuel production is counter-productive to reducing carbon emissions, and **hinders progress toward long-term sustainable energy sources**.

### GOVERNOR CARNEY'S POSITION

*"Drilling for oil and gas in the Atlantic off Delaware's coast would create the risk of a catastrophic spill or other related disasters that would not only threaten our natural resources, but pose serious threats to Delaware's economy. I continue to stand with Delawareans in opposing drilling off the coast of Delaware or elsewhere in the Atlantic."*

— Governor John Carney

